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Agricultural Summary: Colorado received some precipitation last week in the form of scattered showers and thunderstorms in many areas of the Eastern Plains and Front Range. Sporadic precipitation came with hail. Drought conditions continue for the southern regions of the State. Temperatures were typical across the State. Farmers were allowed 5.4 days in the field for operations last week.

TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	9	20	65	6
Last Week	6	26	63	5
Last Year	3	12	83	2

SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	13	21	63	3
Last Week	15	22	61	2
Last Year	3	14	82	1

Small Grains: Winter wheat was 82 percent ripe and 53 percent harvested at the end of last week. The crop is rated in mostly good to fair condition after reports of hail affecting additional acreage in the eastern regions of the State. Spring barley was 93 percent headed with 41 percent turning color and rated in mostly good to fair condition. Spring wheat was 95 percent headed and 26 percent turning color. The crop was rated in mostly fair to good condition.

Row Crops: Corn was rated in mostly good condition with 7 percent silked by the end of the week. Sorghum was 18 percent headed and rated in mostly fair condition. Sugarbeets and onions were rated in mostly good condition. Summer and fall potatoes were rated in mostly fair to good condition. Sunflowers were rated in good to fair condition. Dry beans reached 99 percent emerged and rated in fair to good condition.

SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 17, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Winter Wheat					
This Week	11	17	32	32	8
Last Year	2	5	18	60	15
Spring Barley					
This Week	0	3	43	47	7
Last Year	0	2	21	62	15
Spring Wheat					
This Week	0	7	47	38	8
Last Year	0	3	28	58	11

Pasture and Range: Pasture and range feed conditions are quite variable and were rated in very poor to good condition across the State. Alfalfa cuttings progressed to 97 percent of the 1st cutting complete and 26 percent of the 2nd cutting complete. The crop was rated in mostly good condition.

Livestock: Death losses for cattle and sheep were still rated average for the State. Stored feed supplies were also rated average for this time of year. Producers in the southeastern region have reduced their herd numbers due to the poor range conditions and limited feed supplies.

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending July 17, 2011

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2011	19	22	20	30	9
Prev. Year - 2010	1	5	30	53	11
5-Year Avg.	13	14	28	38	7

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Development Ratings for Week Ending July 17, 2011

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
Winter Wheat				
Ripe	82	61	88	92
Harvested	53	35	57	64
Spring Barley				
Headed	93	87	99	95
Turning Color	41	23	45	47
Spring Wheat				
Headed	95	80	91	86
Turning Color	26	12	32	34
Corn				
Silked	7	4	10	20
Sorghum				
Headed	18	7	12	20
Alfalfa				
1 st Cutting	97	94	99	99
2 nd Cutting	26	17	39	39
Dry Beans				
Emerged	99	85	100	96

COLORADO CONDITION RATINGS 1/

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	1	18	69	12
Corn	1	2	26	62	9
Sorghum	4	17	60	18	1
Dry Onions	1	2	16	74	7
Alfalfa	1	17	25	47	10
Sunflowers	4	5	36	50	5
Dry Beans	0	5	59	31	5
Sugarbeets	0	1	27	62	10
Fall Potatoes	1	5	49	39	6
Summer Potatoes	0	4	43	49	4

1/ Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.